

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

TNT Finical, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 25-cv-12181

v.

Judith E. Levy

United States District Judge

Shantae M. Jones,

Mag. Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford

Defendant.

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**ORDER STRIKING NOTICE OF REMOVAL [1] AND  
ORDER FOR DEFENDANT TO SHOW CAUSE**

The Court has reviewed the notice of removal. (ECF No. 1.) The Court strikes that document for the following reason(s):

- ☐ Missing statement of concurrence or the statement of concurrence does not comply with Local Rule 7.1(a). *See* E.D. Mich. LR 7.1(a).
- ☐ Wrong font size or improper formatting (e.g., single-spaced, improper margins, no page numbers, etc.). *See* E.D. Mich. LR 5.1(a)(2)–(3).
- ☐ Over-length. *See* E.D. Mich. LR 7.1(d)(3).
- ☐ Brief missing required information (e.g., concise statement of issues, controlling or most appropriate authority). *See* E.D. Mich. LR 7.1(d)(2).

- ☐ Exhibits do not comply with Rule 19(b) of the Electronic Filing Policies and Procedures (e.g., index, separate attachment for each exhibit). *See* E.D. Mich. LR 5.1(d)(1), 5.1.1(a).
- ☒ Contains information that must be redacted (e.g., social security number, taxpayer identification number, birth date, minor's name, financial account number). *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2.
- ☐ Non-compliance with Local Rule 5.3 regarding filing an item under seal in a civil case. *See* E.D. Mich. LR 5.3.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

The document (ECF No. 1) is STRICKEN and not part of the record. By **August 6, 2025**, Defendant Shantae M. Jones must file a redacted version of the removal notice in full compliance with the applicable rule(s).

Moreover, the docket sheet for the state-court case being removed (Case No. 2025-0000050484-AV) reflects that Defendant is the plaintiff in the state-court action. "Sections 1446(a) and 1455(a) of Title 28 authorize only the state-court defendants to remove cases to federal court." 14C Charles Alan Wright et al., *Fed. Prac. & Proc. Juris.* § 3730 (Rev. 4th ed. 2025). Nothing in the removal notice demonstrates that an exception applies that allows Defendant (the plaintiff in the state-court action) to remove the case to this Court. Accordingly, by **August 6,**

**2025**, Defendant must show cause in writing why the case should not be dismissed because the removal was improper.

**Failure to comply with this order will result in sanctions, including the dismissal of the action.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 23, 2025  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

s/Judith E. Levy  
JUDITH E. LEVY  
United States District Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and any unrepresented parties via the Court's ECF System to their respective email or first-class U.S. mail addresses disclosed on the Notice of Electronic Filing on July 23, 2025.

s/William Barkholz  
WILLIAM BARKHOLZ  
Case Manager